

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: OCTOBER 17, 2007

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF FLU AWARENESS WEEK

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Submitted at meeting - Copy of Proclamation declaring Flu Prevention Week

Minutes:

No motion required. A presentation was made.

COUNCILMAN REESE introduced DR. LARRY SANDS, Chief Health Officer, and BONNIE SORENSON, Director of Clinics and Nursing, of the Southern Nevada Health District, who were present to help recognize Flu Awareness Week, October 15-19. COUNCILMAN REESE said it is very important to educate the community about flu prevention and the necessary steps to prevent it, such as handwashing, using hand sanitizer, getting inoculations. He presented a Proclamation to DR. SANDS and declared Flu Awareness Week.

DR. SANDS thanked the Council for its part in spreading the word and making people aware about flu prevention. People are at most risk during flu season, which runs from late October to May. It is important to prevent the spread of the flu through vaccinations. Even people that are not at risk should get vaccinated to avoid spreading the flu to those more vulnerable, children and the elderly. He noted that taking precautions will avoid people ending up in hospital emergency rooms, which are already stressed in the winter.

MS. SORENSON reiterated and emphasized the comments of DR. SANDS, noting that the community is responsible for protecting those with more vulnerable immune systems.